



## Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> Memorial Day Grave Blessings

It is the tradition of many Greek Orthodox Christians to extend the memorial of this day (May 31<sup>st</sup>) to all of those who have fallen asleep in the hope of the Resurrection.

10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Elmwood Cemetery

Please Call the Office if you have any special requests.

# St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church Digital Bulletin

# Join us at 8:15 a.m. on May 16<sup>th</sup> for the Sunday of Myrrh Bearers

You can watch our services by clicking on any of the links to our Live Stream. Please subscribe for regular update



We encourage you to send in prayer requests online. We humbly ask that you continue lighting candles and tray donations as you normally would when coming to Church. If you would like the Church to light a candle for you for this service so that Fr. Dimitri can read the names of your loved ones at the Holy Altar, please click on the image below:



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Sunday, May 16, 2021

Saints and Feasts:

- ◇ Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women
- ◇ Theodore the Sanctified
- ◇ Holy Martyr Peter of Blachernae
- ◇ New Martyr Nicholas of Metsovos (1617)

They [the women] had followed Him ministering to Him, and were present even unto the time of the dangers. Wherefore also they saw all; how He cried, how He gave up the ghost, how the rocks were rent, and all the rest.

And these [the women] first see Jesus; and the sex that was most condemned, this first enjoys the sight of the blessings, this most shows its courage. And when the disciples had fled, these were present.

**St. John Chrysostom**

*Homily 88 on Matthew 27, 4th Century*

**Narthex Duty:**

**Welcoming Ministry:** NA during Covid

**Orthros Reader:** NA during Covid

## Communion Guidelines:

As a reminder, only Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion. Follow the Ushers row by row and please exit towards the outside aisles.



## Sunday the Myrrh-Bearing Women

About the beginning of His thirty-second year, when the Lord Jesus was going throughout Galilee, preaching and working miracles, many women who had received of His beneficence left their own homeland and from then on followed after Him. They ministered unto Him out of their own possessions, even until His crucifixion and entombment; and afterwards, neither losing faith in Him after His death, nor fearing the wrath of the Jewish rulers, they came to the sepulchre, bearing the myrrh-oils they had prepared to annoint His body. It is because of the myrrh-oils, that these God-loving women brought to the tomb of Jesus that they are called the Myrrh-bearers. Of those whose names are known are the following: first of all, the most holy Virgin Mary, who in Matthew 27:56 and Mark 15:40 is called "the mother of James and Joses" (these are the sons of Joseph by a previous marriage, and she was therefore their step-mother); Mary

Magdalene (celebrated July 22); Mary, the wife of Clopas; Joanna, wife of Chouza, a steward of Herod Antipas; Salome, the mother of the sons of Zebedee, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus; and Susanna. As for the names of the rest of them, the evangelists have kept silence (Matt 27:55-56; 28:1-10. Mark 15:40-41. Luke 8:1-3; 23:55-24:11, 22-24. John 19:25; 20:11-18. Acts 1:14).

Together with them we celebrate also the secret disciples of the Saviour, Joseph and Nicodemus. Of these, Nicodemus was probably a Jerusalemite, a prominent leader among the Jews and of the order of the Pharisees, learned in the Law and instructed in the Holy Scriptures. He had believed in Christ when, at the beginning of our Saviour's preaching of salvation, he came to Him by night. Furthermore, he brought some one hundred pounds of myrrh-oils and an aromatic mixture of aloes and spices out of reverence and love for the divine Teacher (John 19:39). Joseph, who was from the city of Arimathea, was a wealthy and noble man, and one of the counsellors who were in Jerusalem. He went boldly unto Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus, and together with Nicodemus he gave Him burial. Since time did not permit the preparation of another tomb, he placed the Lord's body in his own tomb which was hewn out of rock, as the Evangelist says (Matt. 27:60).



Do you work in the city of Chicago?  
Would you like to attend Weekday Liturgies but cannot because of Work? Join us at St. Basil.  
6:30 AM

## May

**May 21:** Ss. Constantine & Helen

**May 27:** St. John the Russian

**May 28:** Ascension of our Lord

Patronal Feasts for the Chicago parishes will not be celebrated at St. Basil  
Please check the [St. Basil website calendar](#) for updates to above schedule Liturgies are  
Livestreamed on the [St. Basil Facebook Page](#)



# Hymns of the Day After the Small Entrance

## **Apolytikion of Pascha**

Plagal of the 1<sup>st</sup> Tone

Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

## **Ἀπολυτίκιον**

Ἦχος πλ. α'

Χριστός ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.

## **Resurrectional Apolytikion**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tone

When You descended to the realm of death, You as Life immortal, rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your all radiant divinity; and when You raised the dead from the infernal depths and from the darkness below, all the hosts of heavenly powers proclaimed and cried out to You: O life giving Christ, our God, glory to You.

## **Apolytikion for Holy Myrrhbearers**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tone

The noble Joseph, taking Thine immaculate Body down from the Tree, and having wrapped It in pure linen and spices, laid It for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day Thou didst arise, O Lord, granting great mercy to the world.

## **Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον**

Ἦχος β'

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν Ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

## **Ἀπολυτίκιον**

Ἦχος β'

Ὁ εὐσχήμων Ἰωσήφ, ἀπὸ τοῦ ξύλου καθελὼν τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, σινδόνι καθαρᾷ, εἰλήσας καὶ ἀρώμασιν, ἐν μνήματι καινῷ κηδεύσας ἀπέθετο, ἀλλὰ τριήμερος ἀνέστης Κύριε, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

## **Apolytikion for Holy Myrrhbearers**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tone

Unto the myrrh-bearing women did the Angel cry out as he stood by the grave: Myrrh oils are meet for the dead, but Christ hath proved to be a stranger to corruption. But cry out: The Lord is risen, granting great mercy to the world.

## **Ἀπολυτίκιον**

Ἦχος β'

Ταῖς Μυροφόροις Γυναιξί, παρὰ τὸ μνήμα ἐπιστάς, ὁ Ἄγγελος ἐβόα. Τὰ μύρα τοῖς θνητοῖς ὑπάρχει ἀρμόδια, Χριστὸς δὲ διαφθορᾷ ἐδείχθη ἀλλότριος, ἀλλὰ κραυγάσατε, Ἀνέστη ὁ Κύριος, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

## **Apolytikion for the Church**

1<sup>st</sup> Tone

Your proclamation went forth into all the earth, for it accepted your word, through which you taught the dogmas befitting God, you expounded on the nature of all that is, and you arranged the morals of society. A royal priesthood! Devout father Basil, intercede with Christ our God, to grant us His great mercy.

## **Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ**

Ἦχος α'

Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου, ὡς δεξαμένην τὸν λόγον σου, δι' οὗ θεοπρεπῶς ἐδογματίσας, τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτράνωσας, τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἦθη κατεκόσμησας, Βασιλεῖον Ἱεράτευμα, Πάτερ Ὅσιε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἱκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

## **Kontakion**

Plagal of the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone

Though You went down into the tomb, You destroyed Hades' power, and You rose the victor, Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women, "Hail!" and granting peace to Your disciples, You who raise up the fallen.

## **Κοντάκιον**

Ἦχος πλ. δ'

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ Ἄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν, καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθελγζάμενος. Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.



## Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ / THE EPISTLE

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7 .

τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων  
6:1-7

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, πληθυνόντων τῶν μαθητῶν, ἐγένετο γογγυσμὸς τῶν Ἑλληνιστῶν πρὸς τοὺς Ἑβραίους, ὅτι παρεθεωροῦντο ἐν τῇ διακονίᾳ τῇ καθημερινῇ αἱ χῆραι αὐτῶν. Προσκαλεσάμενοι δὲ οἱ δώδεκα τὸ πλῆθος τῶν μαθητῶν, εἶπον, Οὐκ ἄρεστόν ἐστιν ἡμᾶς, καταλείψαντας τὸν λόγον τοῦ θεοῦ, διακονεῖν τραπέζαις. Ἐπισκέψασθε οὖν, ἀδελφοί, ἄνδρας ἐξ ὑμῶν μαρτυρουμένους ἐπτά, πλήρεις πνεύματος ἁγίου καὶ σοφίας, οὓς καταστήσωμεν ἐπὶ τῆς χρείας ταύτης. Ἡμεῖς δὲ τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ διακονίᾳ τοῦ λόγου προσκαρτερήσομεν. Καὶ ἤρρεσεν ὁ λόγος ἐνώπιον παντὸς τοῦ πλῆθους· καὶ ἐξελέξαντο Στέφανον, ἄνδρα πλήρης πίστεως καὶ πνεύματος ἁγίου, καὶ Φίλιππον, καὶ Πρόχορον, καὶ Νικάνορα, καὶ Τίμωνα, καὶ Παρμενᾶν, καὶ Νικόλαον προσήλυτον Ἀντιοχέα, οὓς ἔστησαν ἐνώπιον τῶν ἀποστόλων· καὶ προσευξάμενοι ἐπέθηκαν αὐτοῖς τὰς χεῖρας. Καὶ ὁ λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ ἠύξανεν, καὶ ἐπληθύνετο ὁ ἀριθμὸς τῶν μαθητῶν ἐν Ἱερουσαλὴμ σφόδρα, πολὺς τε ὄχλος τῶν ἱερέων ὑπήκουον τῇ πίστει.



## ΤΟ ΘΕΙΟΝ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ / THE HOLY GOSPEL

**The Reading is from Mark 15:43-47;  
16:1-8**

**Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μάρκον 15:43-47, 16:1-  
8 τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα**

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where he was laid.

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

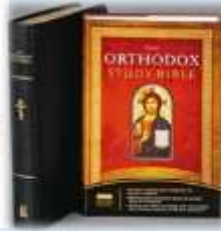
Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐλθὼν Ἰωσήφ ὁ ἀπὸ Ἀριμαθαίας, εὐσχήμων βουλευτής, ὃς καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν προσδεχόμενος τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ, τολμήσας εἰσῆλθε πρὸς Πιλάτον καὶ ᾔτήσατο τὸ σῶμα τοῦ Ἰησοῦ. Ὁ δὲ Πιλάτος ἐθαύμασεν εἰ ἤδη τέθνηκε, καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος τὸν κεντυρίωνα ἐπηρώτησεν αὐτὸν εἰ πάλαι ἀπέθανε· καὶ γνοὺς ἀπὸ τοῦ κεντυρίωνος ἐδώρήσατο τὸ σῶμα τῷ Ἰωσήφ. Καὶ ἀγοράσας σινδόνα καὶ καθελὼν αὐτὸν ἐνείλησε τῇ σινδόνι καὶ κατέθηκεν αὐτὸν ἐν μνημείῳ, ὃ ἦν λελατομημένον ἐκ πέτρας, καὶ προσεκύλισε λίθον ἐπὶ τὴν θύραν τοῦ μνημείου. Ἡ δὲ Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ καὶ Μαρία Ἰωσὴ ἐθεώρουν ποῦ τίθεται. Καὶ διαγενομένου τοῦ σαββάτου Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ καὶ Μαρία ἡ τοῦ Ἰακώβου καὶ Σαλώμῃ ἠγόρασαν ἀρώματα ἵνα ἐλθοῦσαι ἀλείψωσιν αὐτόν. Καὶ λίαν πρῶτῃ τῆς μιᾶς σαββάτων ἔρχονται ἐπὶ τὸ μνημεῖον, ἀνατείλαντος τοῦ ἡλίου. Καὶ ἔλεγον πρὸς ἑαυτάς· Τίς ἀποκυλίσει ἡμῖν τὸν λίθον ἐκ τῆς θύρας τοῦ μνημείου; Καὶ ἀναβλέψασαι θεωροῦσιν ὅτι ἀποκεκύλισται ὁ λίθος· ἦν γὰρ μέγας σφόδρα. Καὶ εἰσελθοῦσαι εἰς τὸ μνημεῖον εἶδον νεανίσκον καθήμενον ἐν τοῖς δεξιοῖς, περιβεβλημένον στολὴν λευκὴν, καὶ ἐξεθαμβήθησαν. Ὁ δὲ λέγει αὐταῖς· μὴ ἐκθαμβεῖσθε· Ἰησοῦν ζητεῖτε τὸν Ναζαρηνὸν τὸν ἐσταυρωμένον· ἠγέρθη, οὐκ ἔστιν ὧδε· ἴδε ὁ τόπος ὅπου ἔθηκαν αὐτόν. Ἀλλ' ὑπάγετε εἰπατε τοῖς μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ καὶ τῷ Πέτρῳ ὅτι προάγει ὑμᾶς εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν· ἐκεῖ αὐτὸν ὄψεσθε, καθὼς εἶπεν ὑμῖν. Καὶ ἐξελθοῦσαι ἔφυγον ἀπὸ τοῦ μνημείου· εἶχε δὲ αὐτὰς τρόμος καὶ ἔκστασις, καὶ οὐδενὶ οὐδὲν εἶπον· ἐφοβοῦντο γάρ.



# ONLINE BIBLE STUDY



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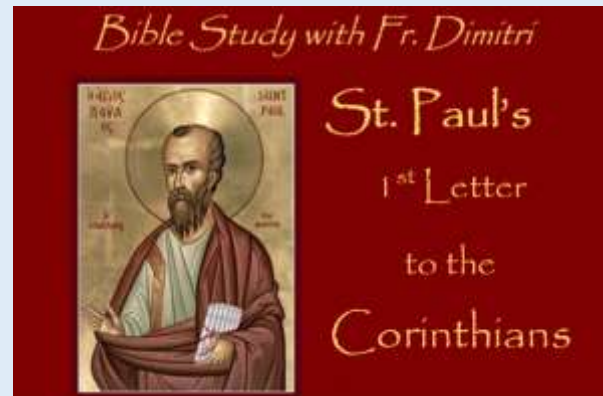


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# Metropolis Outreach



## CARE KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Sanitary Wipes
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Feminine Products
- Water
- Granola Bar

## WINTER KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Handwarmers
- Winter Gloves
- Socks
- Winter Hats

## DINNER BAGS

In a large reusable or paper bag include:

- Pasta/Rice/Lentils – 2lbs.
- Instant Potatoes – 1 box
- Cereal/Oatmeal – 1box
- Crackers – 1 box
- Broth – 32 oz.
- Canned Vegetables – 2 cans
- Canned Meat/Fish or Beans – 2 cans
- Peanut Butter – 16 oz.
- Fruit Jam – 18 oz.
- Pasta Sauce – 16 oz.
- Cooking Oil – 24 oz.
- Nuts/Granola Bars – 1 pack
- Canned Soup/Chili – optional
- Powdered Milk - optional

**This is an ongoing Metropolis Outreach Project**

## COVID KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

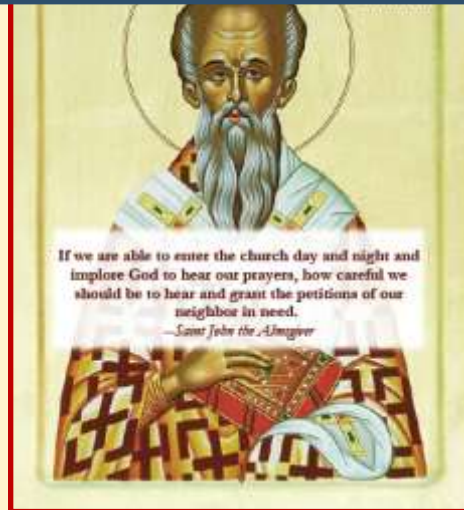
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- Body Soap
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- Feminine Products



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Humanitarian Outreach & Philanthropic Engagement

**Drop off assembled kits to St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church on Sundays from 9am –12pm.**

## Parish Outreach



### St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

Our ministry continues to pack and distribute [Almsgiver care packs](#), blankets, and coats to our neighbors in need. If you're able, there are two easy ways to contribute:

**1. Purchase the items we currently need from our [AmazonSmile wishlist](#). Whatever you purchase will be shipped directly to St. Basil.**

- Cloth COVID-19 mask
- 1 winter item (hat, gloves, scarf, etc.)
- 1 long-under wear set
- 2 pairs of single-use warmers (foot and body)
- 1 pair of white tube socks
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 tube of toothpaste
- 1 comb
- 6 Band-Aids
- 3 antimicrobial hand wipes
- 1 bottle of water
- 1 granola bar
- 1 gift card (Jewel \$10)

**2. We are always in need of \$10 Jewel-Osco cards. To purchase these, you can [call or email Jewel-Osco](#) and have the cards mailed to St. Basil (733 S Ashland Ave, Chicago 60607). If you're physically coming to church, you can also drop off gift cards with Mrs. Vicky Crosby.**





Please join our  
**Philoptochos  
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June 27, 2021 • St. George Greek Orthodox Church



**Blood Donors Are Needed!**

**Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos Society**

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Inspired by the impact of the COVID-19 Parish Relief Fund established during the pandemic, the Metropolis of Chicago announced today the establishment of a new parish advancement initiative – **the Mustard Seed Fund** – to help drive parish growth through evangelism, welcoming, and outreach.

The Mustard Seed Fund seeks to replicate the successful model of the COVID-19 Parish Relief Fund, which raised more than \$250,000 for financial assistance to parishes facing economic hardship caused by the pandemic.

To support its objectives and development, the Metropolis of Chicago will seed the new fund with an initial distribution of \$25,000 and will launch and sustain a grassroots fundraising campaign to raise additional donations.

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## **The 40th Commemoration of the Fall of Constantinople** *Hagia Sophia 1453 and 2021: From Past Conquest to Current Captivity*

With the blessings of His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael of Chicago, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago, the Metropolis of Chicago Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and the Hellenic Society of Constantinople are presenting a live town hall meeting for the Metropolis' 40th Commemoration of the Fall of Constantinople, titled "Hagia Sophia 1453 and 2021: From Past Conquest to Current Captivity."

The town hall will feature Opening Remarks by His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael. Featured speakers include Archon Anthony J. Limberakis, M.D., National Commander of the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate; Dr. Alexandros Kyrou, Ph.D., Professor of History at Salem State University; Dr. Elizabeth Prodromou, Ph.D., Visiting Associate Professor of Conflict Resolution at Tufts University; Ms. Lena Argiri, Washington D.C. Correspondent for Greek Public Broadcasting ERT.

This live town hall meeting will include a time of Q&A after their presentations .

**Join [via Zoom](#) on Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 4:30 PM (CST).**

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## **Philhellenism Through the Ages: Loving Greece in America**

*Philhellenism, Philanthropy, and the Greek Revolution*

In celebration of the bicentennial of the Greek Revolution, the Classics and Mediterranean Studies Department at the University of Illinois Chicago, under the auspices of the Embassy of Greece in the USA and in collaboration with HALC, the Metropolis of Chicago, and the Consulate General of Greece in Chicago, is pleased to present “**Philhellenism Through the Ages**,” a two-part series that will explore the impress and influence of Hellenic culture from antiquity to the present.

In the fourth and final conversation, “Loving Greece in America: Philhellenism, Philanthropy, and the Greek Revolution” Young Richard Kim will discuss with Maureen Connors Santelli, Associate Professor of History at Northern Virginia Community College, the development of American Philhellenism and its impact on the Greek Revolution. They will also explore how its ideals translated into organization and action but also how popular support for the Revolution conflicted with the political and economic goals of the US government. Finally, they will consider how American Philhellenism contributed to other movements, including abolition and the struggle for women’s rights.

This **Facebook Live** conversation will include time for Q&A from the audience. **This conversation begins on Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 2:00 PM (CST).**

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# Calendar for the Weeks Ahead

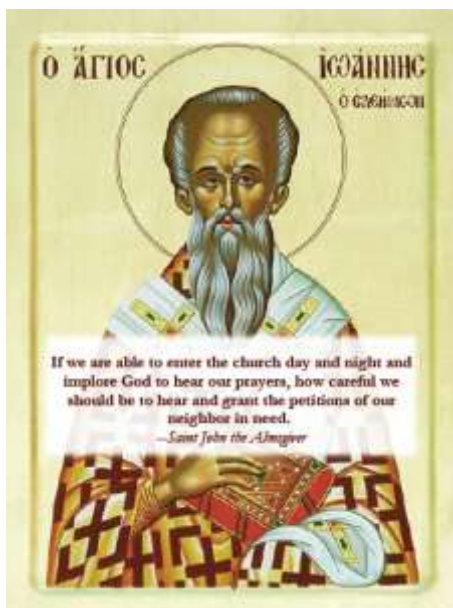
- **Sunday, May 16, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy**
  - Tuesday, May 18, 10:00am - Bible Study
- Wednesday, May 19, 5:30pm - Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary
  - Wednesday, May 19, 6:30pm - Online A.R.E. Class
- Thursday, May 20 - 7:00 pm - "Great Vespers for Ss. Constantine & Helen (at Palos Hills parish)"
- Friday, May 21 - 6:30 am - Early Morning Liturgy for Ss. Constantine & Helen
  - **Sunday, May 23, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy**
    - Tuesday, May 25, 10:00am - Bible Study
  - Wednesday, May 26, 5:30pm - Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary
    - Wednesday, May 26, 6:30pm - Online A.R.E. Class
- Thursday, May 27 - 6:30 am - Early Morning Liturgy for St. John the Russian
  - Friday, May 28 - 6:30 am - Early Morning Liturgy for Ascension
    - **Sunday, May 30, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy**
  - Monday, May 31, 10:00am - Memorial Day Grave Blessings Elmwood
    - Tuesday, June 1, 10:00am - Bible Study
  - Wednesday, June 2, 5:30pm - Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary

## Parish News and Events

### St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

Our ministry continues to pack and distribute [Almsgiver care packs](#), blankets, and coats to our neighbors in need. If you're able, there are two easy ways to contribute:

1. Purchase the items we currently need from our [AmazonSmile wishlist](#). Whatever you purchase will be shipped directly to St. Basil.
2. We are always in need of \$10 Jewel-Osco cards. To purchase these, you can [call or email Jewel-Osco](#) and have the cards mailed to St. Basil (733 S Ashland Ave, Chicago 60607). If you're physically coming to church, you can also drop off gift cards with Mrs. Vicky Crosby.



### We need your help - You Might be Missing Out

We have started a weekly St. Basil E-Bulletin - which goes out early each week and for some of you, this email is going into "spam" or "trash". Please take a look at your spam and trash files and if you see it there, with most servers there's a button you can push to stop it's going into trash/spam. Or, enter [stbasilchicago@comcast.net](mailto:stbasilchicago@comcast.net) into your email contacts list. Thanks!

**Books for Prisoners** - Many inmates with whom we correspond through the prison ministry request books to read. Topics include self-help, vocational training, orthodoxy, history, and fiction. If you can make a small donation to defray the cost of purchasing and sending books, please see Vicky in the church office. Any size donation is appreciated.

### Stewardship - Have You Become A Steward For 2021?

If not, know that everything we have is God's and we are just managers during this brief life. Become a steward today. "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:10-11).

**IMPORTANT:** Our parish's COVID-19 committee requires all donations be only new items in unopened packages. Also, no other types of clothing will be accepted at this time. Please use the donation box on the table at the Ashland and Polk entrance. Don't take them into Philoptochos Hall or upstairs.

## St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 8:30 am The Prokatasia Vespers Liturgy Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Great an Holy Pascha
<b>2</b> Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Great an Holy Pascha Agape Service 12:00 pm	<b>3</b> Feast of St. George celebrated at Chica- go Parish	<b>4</b> 6:30 am Early Morning Divine Liturgy for Renewal Tuesday: The Com- memoration of Saints Raphael, Nicholas, Irene and the Other Newly-revealed Mar- tyrs of Lesbos	<b>5</b> 6:30 am Cinco de Mayo Early Morning Divine Liturgy for St. Irene the Great Martyr	<b>6</b> 6:30 am Early Morning Divine Liturgy for St. Sophia of Kleisoura	<b>7</b> Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 8:15 am Mother's Day Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Thomas Sunday	<b>10</b> 7:00 pm Parish Council	<b>11</b> 7:00 pm Philoptochos ZOOM Meeting Philoptochos Meeting 7:00 pm	<b>12</b> 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary Online A.R.E. Class 6:30 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	<b>15</b> President's Meeting
<b>16</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women	<b>17</b> Tax Day	<b>18</b> 10:00 am Bible Study	<b>19</b> 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary Online A.R.E. Class 6:30 pm	<b>20</b> 7:00 pm "Great Vespers for Ss. Constantine & Helen (at Patos Hills parish)"	<b>21</b> 6:30 am Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri Divine Liturgy or SS. Constantine & Helen at St. Basil "Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Ss. Con- stantine & Helen	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy of the Paralytic	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:00 am Bible Study	<b>26</b> 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary Online A.R.E. Class 6:30 pm	<b>27</b> 6:30 am Early Morning Divine Liturgy for St. John the Russian	<b>28</b> 6:30 am Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri Divine Liturgy of Ascension	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of the Samaritan Woman	<b>31</b> Memorial Day					

## Matthew 25:35-36 - The Last Judgment



**For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink:**

Please donate food for the needy.

**I was a stranger, and you took me in:**

Please welcome our Catechumens and Guests

**Naked, and you clothed me:**

Please consider donating clothes to the local shelter.

**I was sick, and you visited me:**

Please pray for the speedy recovery of: (Send the names of those you wish prayed for)

**I was in prison, and you came unto me:**

**Please pray for:** Alan, Alfredo, Andrew, Anthony, Arthur, Bryant, Calvin, Choice, Clarence, Coery, Darron, David, Deshaun, Devon, Dolen, Donald, Eddie, Eddie, Edwin, Eugene, Freddie, Henry, James, James, Jerry, Jerry, John, Jose, Joseph, Karl, Kerwinn, Lakeisha, Lendie, Mario, Michael, Michael, Monte, Parrish, Patrice, Ralph, Robert, Robert, Roberto, Ryan, Scott, Patrick Michael, Seneca, Shawn, Terrell, Timothy, Wendell, Willie  
**Please pray for and consider visiting our shut-ins. Please also see Pat Cole to see about writing Letters to those Incarcerated through our prison ministry. It means the world to them to receive love.**

### VISITATION POLICY

If you would like Fr. Dimitri to visit you in the hospital, please call him or have a family member call. Fr. Dimitri will not go unless he is asked by the family. This is in compliance with both HIPAA and patient privacy.



ORTHODOX OBSERVER

If You are not receiving the Observer, please contact the Church Office.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### St. Basil Stewardship Facts: State of the Parish

Operational Expenses  
\$317,700 (860 per day 2021)

Stewards Pledged at St. Basil  
133 of goal of 190

Dollar Amount Pledged  
\$189,624.00

Dollar Amount Collected  
\$93,335.00

Average Pledge  
\$1475.23

**Remember this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

Percent of Stewards engaged in a Ministry of St. Basil  
**95 out of 133 (71.42%)**



As a service to our parishioners who are unable to physically attend Divine Services at St. Basil, a Live Stream of the Services can be found on the Church Facebook Page.



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